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Mississippi January Cattle Inventory Down 8 Percent from Last Year

On January 1, 2011, **all cattle and calves** in Mississippi totaled 900,000 head, down 8 percent from the previous year. **All cows and heifers that have calved**, at 510,000 head, were down 2 percent from the year before. **Beef cows**, at 495,000 head, were down 2 percent and **milk cows**, at 15,000 head, were down 12 percent. Beginning of the year totals and percent changes from January 1, 2010, for all other cattle and calves are as follows: **All heifers 500 pounds and over** - 103,000 head, down 27 percent; **beef cow replacement heifers** - 71,000 head, down 23 percent; **milk cow replacement heifers** - 7,000 head, unchanged; **other heifers** - 25,000 head, down 40 percent; **steers weighing 500 pounds and over** - 48,000 head, down 13 percent; **bulls weighing 500 pounds and over** - 39,000 head, unchanged; and **calves under 500 pounds** - 200,000 head, down 11 percent. The 2010 **calf crop** is estimated at 400,000 head, down 5 percent from the previous year.

Nationwide, the inventory of cattle and calves totaled 92.6 million head, down 1 percent from the previous year. **Beef cows** decreased 2 percent to 30.9 million head while **milk cow** estimates increased 1 percent to 9.1 million head. Other class estimates on January 1, 2011, and the change from the previous year are as follows: **All heifers 500 pounds and over** - 19.5 million head, down 1 percent; **beef replacement heifers** - 5.2 million head, down 5 percent; **milk replacement heifers** - 4.6 million head, up 1 percent; **other heifers** - 9.8 million head, up 1 percent; **steers 500 pounds and over** - 16.4 million head, down 1 percent; **bulls weighing 500 pounds and over** - 2.2 million head, down 2 percent; and **calves under 500 pounds** - 14.5 million head, down 3 percent. The 2010 **calf crop** was estimated at 35.7 million head, down 1 percent from 2009.

Cattle and Calves: Number of Farms by Classes,
Mississippi and United States, January 1, 2010-2011

Class	Mississippi			United States		
	2010	2011	Percent of Previous Year	2010	2011	Percent of Previous Year
1,000 Head						
All Cattle and Calves	980	900	92	93,881.2	92,582.4	99
All Cows	520	510	98	40,456.4	40,014.2	99
Beef Cows	503	495	98	31,370.9	30,864.6	98
Milk Cows	17	15	88	9,085.5	9,149.6	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and above	141	103	73	19,745.8	19,532.8	99
Beef Cows Replacements	92	71	77	5,451.0	5,157.6	95
Milk Cow Replacements	7	7	100	4,526.2	4,557.2	101
Other	42	25	60	9,768.6	9,818	101
Steers 500 Pounds and above	55	48	87	16,510.4	16,382.0	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and above	39	39	100	2,190.1	2,153.1	98
Calves Under 500 Pounds	225	200	89	14,978.5	14,500.3	97
Calf Crop Entire Year ¹	420	400	95	35,939.0	35,684.8	99

¹ Previous year.